



John Kenneth Knowles

August 30, 1968 - January 24, 2019

With deepest sorrow, the family of John Kenneth Knowles announces his passing after a heart attack, Thursday, January 24, 2019, at the age of 50.

John is preceded in death by his father Frederick Knowles and brother Ricky Knowles. He is survived by his mother Carol Ann Van Buren Knowles Cornell, stepfather Dewey Cornell, stepmother Joanne Knowles; sisters Karen Knowles, Melanie Wyatt (Kevin), Linda Starck (Chris) and Laura Knowles, Niece Emerson Wyatt and Nephews Ian Towles, Wyatt Starck and Quinn Starck.

John was born on August 30, 1968, in Florence, S.C. He attended St. Raphael and St. Xavier catholic schools and went on to receive a MSW at the University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work. Initially employed by Louisville's Seven County Services he then moved to San Francisco, CA. John eventually become program director at the East Bay Community Recovery Project, helping people with housing, mental illness and addiction recovery. A key responsibility was writing grants and securing funding to keep the much needed services for more than 20 years.

John was an avid music lover, having spent his younger years as a DJ, amassing an impressive collection of vinyl. He remained a die hard cards fan from the west coast. John loved to win and enjoyed playing in softball and tennis leagues all of his life. He will be remembered for his kindness and caring about the welfare of others. He was a good friend to many with a quick wit and a really big, big heart.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 1, 2019 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ratterman and Sons Funeral Home, 3800 Bardstown Road. The funeral mass will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday February 2, at St. Raphael the Archangel, 2141 Lancashire Avenue with burial to follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Centerstone of Kentucky, 10101 Linn Station Road, 40223.